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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: A7909

Nicholas V. NECHITAILO, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO REDUCE VARIATION OF EXCESS FIBER
LENGTH IN BUFFER TUBES OF FIBER OPTIC CABLES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2003, please amend the above-
identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

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Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For					
All Claims	81	-	83	=	4	X	\$18.00	= \$0.00
Independent	11	-	7	=	4	X	\$86.00	= \$336.00
TOTAL							= \$336.00	

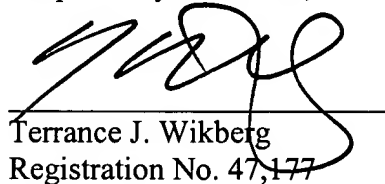
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Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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